

on the Amendment by Mr. CAMP of Michigan to H.R. 3043, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008 (rollcall vote 675) was recorded as a 'no' vote when I intended to cast a 'yes' vote. I wish to clarify on the record my support for seniors in Pennsylvania and across the Nation to access Medicare Advantage plans.

HONORING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Prince William Chapter of the American Red Cross as it celebrates its 90th birthday.

For ninety years the Prince William Red Cross has provided valuable and noble service to members of our armed forces and those in need. The Prince William Chapter has two locations, both in Manassas and Occoquan, and has a rich history of faithfully serving their community. As a result, they were recognized this year as Prince William County's oldest non-profit organization.

The birth of Prince William County's Red Cross can be traced all the way back to President Woodrow Wilson, who signed the organization's charter on July 24, 1917. Their charge was to support the war effort during World War I and their initial campaign raised over \$2,600 for the war fund. At this time, they also began a service aiding the troops overseas by mailing out care packages that included hand-knit afghans, comfort kits, homemade jams, etc. The Prince William Chapter continues this tradition today as one of their many services. They have sent our troops in Iraq numerous packages containing the soldiers' favorite foods, athletic equipment, CD players and correspondence from home. This has all been done in an effort to aid our individual soldiers and military in every possible way.

The Red Cross has recently assumed another mission: aiding their community in preparing, responding and recovering from both manmade and natural disasters. Last year over 477 Prince William County residents suffered losses during home fires. As has become commonplace over the past ninety years, the Prince William Red Cross was there to support them and provide relief in their time of need.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank the Prince William Chapter of the American Red Cross for its ninety years of remarkable and devoted service to its community and to our nation. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the Prince William Red Cross on this distinguished achievement and in wishing them many more years of continued success.

THE COURAGE TO CARE: A TRIBUTE TO THE HEROIC ACTS OF SIR NICHOLAS WINTON

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2007

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable and heroic acts of Sir Nicholas Winton, who personally and by his own initiative saved the lives of 669 Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia and brought them across Hitler's Germany to his native Great Britain. He is an immensely compelling symbol of how the caring of one man can truly make a difference while confronting evil on a personal level. Sir Winton said it best himself in a letter he wrote in 1939, "... There is a difference between passive goodness and active goodness. The latter is, in my opinion, the giving of one's time and energy in the alleviation of pain and suffering. It entails going out, finding and helping those who are suffering and in danger and not merely in leading an exemplary life, in a purely passive way of doing no wrong."

Nicholas Winton was guided by intuition and character. He understood the upcoming danger and realized the importance of acting fast. Having made many business trips to Germany in previous years, Winton saw Jews being arrested, harassed and beaten. Thousands of Jews fled to as-yet unoccupied Czechoslovakia, especially to Prague. Many settled into refugee camps in appalling conditions in the midst of winter. Near Prague Winton visited the freezing refugee camps. His visit deeply affected him and he felt the need for taking action.

He gathered information from parents who wanted their children out and then pleaded to countries all over the world to take them in. He also personally raised the funds to pay for the operation and continued his important struggle even though no countries except Sweden and the United Kingdom were willing to take the children in. Further, the media refused to deal with the tragedy about to unfold. The first 20 of "Winton's children" left Prague of March 14, 1939 and Hitler's troops overran all of Czechoslovakia the very next day. By the time World War II broke out on September 1, 1939, the rescue effort had transported 669 children out of the country.

I commend Nicholas Winton for his courage, compassion and foresight, for his willingness to stand up for what he believed was right in the face of indifference and to accept responsibility for being his brother's keeper. He has shown remarkable leadership, courage and ability of taking action when facing evil. Being a humble man who kept quiet about his heroic achievements for over 50 years, and without aspirations of being called a hero, he truly has shown complete selflessness and devotion to others. I also congratulate Sir Nicholas' small group of volunteers who helped him, not only for saving hundreds of lives but also for saving our faith in humanity.

As time goes by, the values for which Sir Nicholas Winton fought have increasingly penetrated the consciousness of the world. The children, grandchildren and great-grand children of those he saved will go on to establish a world where human rights and decency are the priorities of civilized society. This is the

meaning of Winton's legacy to us and the meaning of our struggle for human rights around the world.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAPLEWOOD, MINNESOTA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2007

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Maplewood, Minnesota's 50th anniversary.

While the city was incorporated 50 years ago, the more complete history of Maplewood began more than 150 years ago. According to the Maplewood Area Historical Society, Maplewood's original residents were members of a Dakota tribe who were drawn to the lush land, lakes and wetlands.

In 1850, a group of families including the Bells, Caseys, Conlins, and the Vincents moved from Saint Paul to settle along an old Indian trail which is now Hazelwood Street in Maplewood. In 1858, this area became part of New Canada Township.

Nearly 30 years later, a town site was planned at the junction of the Wisconsin Central Railroad line and the Saint Paul and Duluth Railroad that was to "rival Saint Paul." In 1886, Mr. William Dawson and his wife, Mary, platted out this village that they called Gladstone in honor of Mr. William Gladstone, a popular British statesman. For a time, the little village thrived and employed 1,000 workers. However, this area suffered from a series of setbacks such as a fire which destroyed a major business, and which ultimately led to less activity in the area.

One business which was very successful, was a stagecoach line that ran along what is now Edgerton Street. The line began in 1856 and cost \$10 for a trip from Saint Paul to Duluth. The line remained in service until the first railroad was built to Duluth in 1870.

After World War II, the housing boom began as veterans took advantage of the GI Bill's home loan guaranty. Developments sprung up around Wakefield Lake people continued to be attracted to the area. Residents soon came together to seek improved services including sewer, water and better roads.

On February 26, 1957, in a vote of 5 to 1 New Canada Township officially incorporated into the Village of Maplewood. Upon hearing the new name Mr. Warren Berger went out to his backyard and traced a maple leaf that became the village logo. By the 1970's, the Village of Maplewood became the City of Maplewood and adopted the Council-Manager form of government which it continues today.

Today, Maplewood is home to many major businesses and hospitals as well as the widely known 3M Corporation headquarters. The people of Maplewood are proud of their parks and open spaces. Maplewood has become a leader in land conservation by protecting open spaces and planting rainwater gardens to help improve water quality.

Madam Speaker, in honor of the rich history of Maplewood, Minnesota and the events celebrating it, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD recognizing Maplewood's 50th anniversary.